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1. THE FOLLOWING REPORT OF TWO COMMUNIST ATROCITIES ON THE SAME DAY AT A REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT SITE IN PHUOC THUY PROVINCE WELL ILLUSTRATES THE BRUTALITY OF NVA/"PRG" TERRORISM IN SOUTH VIETNAM AND THE LENGTHS TO WHICH THE COMMUNISTS GO IN THEIR EFFORTS TO WRECK THE GVN'S REFUGEE PROGRAMS. ADDRESSEES MAY FIND THIS EXAMPLE USEFUL IN DISCUSSING COMMUNIST VIOLATIONS OF THE PARIS AGREEMENT AND THE PRETENSIONS OF THE "PRG" TO BE A GOVERNMENT REPRESENTING THE SOUTH VIETNAMESE PEOPLE.

2. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED. AT 0700 APRIL 2, A TRUCK CARRYING WORKERS TO CLEAR FORESTED LAND AT SUOI NGHE REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT SITE IN PHUOC THUY PROVINCE HIT A MINE ON A TEMPORARY ROADWAY ABOUT TWO KILOMETERS OUTSIDE THE MAIN LIVING AREA, KILLING FIVE RESETTLERS AND WOUNDING ONE. AT 0825 THE SAME MORNING, A TRACTOR AND TRAILER TAKING A SIMILAR WORK CREW INTO A FORESTED AREA,

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ALSO ON A TEMPORARY ROAD ABOUT TWO KILOMETERS OUTSIDE THE LIVING

AREA, ALSO HIT A MINE. THE SECOND INCIDENT KILLED SIX RESETTLERS AND WOUNDED FIVE. THE MINES WERE PLACED ON THE ROADS BY THE VIET CONG DURING THE NIGHT.

3. AT 0900 ON APRIL 3, A COMBINED DEMONSTRATION-FUNERAL WAS HELD AT SUOI NGHE AS FIVE OF THE DEAD WERE BURIED. THE CEREMONY WAS ATTENDED BY PROVINCE, DISTRICT AND VILLAGE OFFICIALS AND ABOUT 2,000 RESETTLERS. BANNERS DISPLAYED CONDEMNED THE COMMUNISTS FOR KILLING INNOCENT CIVILIANS.

4. THE VC HAD WARNED RESETTLERS AT SUOI NGHE NOT TO CONTINUE THEIR CLEARING OPERATIONS OR "THERE WILL BE TROUBLE". SITE RESIDENTS AT THE FUNERAL CEREMONY ASSERTED THEIR DETERMINATION NOT TO LET THE MININGS STOP THEM FROM GOING ABOUT THEIR WORK. MARTIN

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